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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

On February 5, 2002, A Notice of Allowance was mailed in this case.

Applicants are filing on even date herewith a Continuation Application. This Preliminary Amendment cancels the current claims, without prejudice, and adds new claims.

IN THE APPLICATION

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims, please cancel claims 1 through 10, without prejudice. Please add new claims 11-48, as follows:

--11. A method to limit access to information using a fibre channel arbitrated loop system, comprising the steps of:

inspecting an incoming data frame;

determining the source address and the destination addresses included in said incoming

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